व्यक्ति अधिक आवंटन वाले राज्यों के बीच के अन्तर को कम करने में सफल हुई है।

राज्यों के बीच अन्तर को कम करने और प्रति व्यक्ति कम आवंटन वाले राज्यों हेतु अधिक वृद्धि करने के लिए समूचे आवंटन को 1998/99 के दौरान 8.58 प्रतिशत बढ़ा दिया गया है। उत्तर प्रदेश के लिए मिट्टी के तेल के आवंटन में 18.01 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि की गई है जो 1998/99 के दौरान 2,12,261 टन की अतिरिक्त मात्रा के बराबर है।

केन्द्रीय सरकार राज्यों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों को मिट्टी के तेल का आवंटन बल्क में करती है। राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र के अन्दर विभिन्न क्षेत्रों को इसका खुदरा वितरण करने की जिम्मेदारी राज्य सरकार की है।

Sale of Onion Through Mobile Vans and Mother Dairy

666. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government and Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have totally failed to manage the smooth functioning of sale and supply of onion at concessional rates in the capital;

(b) if so, whether the onion was being sold at confessional rate of Rs. 10/- per Kg. through mobile vans whereas the same onion was sold through Mother Dairy at the rate of Rs. 15/- per kg.; and

(c) if so, the reasons for disparity in the sale price of onion at concessional rate and the reasons for not selling onion against Ration Cards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV): (a) There was no failure on the part of Central Government or the Government of NCT of Delhi in the sale and supply of onions at concessional rate in the capital.

(b) and (c) The quantity of onions made available to the Government of NCT of Delhi through NAFED was supplied at a concessional rate of Rs. 10 per kg. Since the quantities of onions made available through mobile and static outlets were not sufficient to meet the requirements of consumers, it was decided by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi to seek cooperation of the Mother Dairy/Safal outlets. The Mother Dairy used to procure and sell on their own 22 MTs of onions at the then retail price of Rs. 32 per kg. without any subsidy. The Mother Dairy outlets entered into an agreement with the Govt. of NCT of Delhi that they will market 22 MTs of onions at a reduced price of Rs. 15 per kg. if they were given an additional quantity of 22 MTs of onions at the subsidised rates. It was, therefore, decided by the Govt. of NCT of Delhi to make available a quantity of 22 MTs per day to be distributed through the additional 225 outlets of Mother Dairy at a partially subsidised rate of Rs. 15 per kg. The onions are being distributed against the ration cards with effect from 1.11.98 and the price has been reduced to Rs. 10 per kg. w.e.f. 6.11.98.

Shortage of Essential Commodities

667. SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to overcome the problem of shortage of essential commodities in the market; and

(b) whether the steps taken by Government would mitigate the hardships of the common people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV): (a) The Government has accorded the highest priority to control and stabilising the prices of essential commodities. Apart from certain long term measures to increase the production of certain essental goods, imports of items which are in short supply like pulses and onions have been placed under OGL at zero import duty and duty on the import of edible oils has been reduced to 15 per cent from 25 percent in order to augment the total availability of these items. The export of onions and pulses has been banned. Some of the essential commodities like rice, wheat, palmolein and kerosene are also supplied through the public distribution at below market prices. Stringent actions are being taken against hoarders, blackmarketeers and other indulging